

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-3, 6-10, 12-26, 29, 31-35, 37-39, and 42-48 remain in this application. Claims 4, 5, 11, 27, 28, 30, 36, 40, and 41 have previously been canceled.

Applicants wish to thank Examiners Wong and Lee for the telephonic interview held on June 29th, 2004. As we discussed during the interview, enclosed herewith is a definition of block polymer taken from Hawley's Condensed Chemical Dictionary. Also enclosed herewith is a discussion of block copolymers taken from the Handbook of Pressure Sensitive Adhesive Technology.

Applicants respectfully traverse the Examiner's rejection of claims 1-3, 6-10, 11-26, 29, 31-35, 37-39, and 42-48 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatenable over U.S. Patent No. 4,962,992 (Chapin). According to the Patent Office, "Chapin et al. discloses a curable coating composition that comprises a block copolymer comprising at least one hard block and one soft block."

Applicants respectfully disagree. As discussed in the interview, Chapin discloses a primary coating which is hard and a secondary coating which is soft. However, Chapin does not mention or suggest a polymer having both a hard block and a soft block.

Based upon the above remarks and papers of records, applicants believe the pending claims of the above-captioned application are in allowable form and patentable over the prior art of record. Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Applicant believes that no extension of time is necessary to make this Reply timely. Should applicant be in error, applicant respectfully requests that the Office grant such time extension pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) as necessary to make this Reply timely, and hereby authorizes the Office to charge any necessary fee or surcharge with

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respect to said time extension to the deposit account of the undersigned firm of attorneys,
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